

53RD REGULAR SESSION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—TOLL ROADS OR TURNPIKES

S. J. R. No. 14

Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 52-b, prohibiting the Legislature from ever lending the credit of the State, or granting any public money, or assuming or otherwise discharging any indebtedness of any individual, person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, public agency or political subdivision of the State, now authorized, or which may hereafter be authorized to construct, maintain, or operate toll roads, or turnpikes within this State; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the voters of this State.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 52-b, which shall read as follows:

"Section 52-b. The Legislature shall have no power or authority to in any manner lend the credit of the State or grant any public money to, or assume any indebtedness, present or future, bonded or otherwise, of any individual, person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, public corporation, public agency, or political subdivision of the State, or anyone else, which is now or hereafter authorized to construct, maintain or operate toll roads and turnpikes within this State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on November 2, 1954, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon, or in counties using voting machines such machines shall provide for the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the Legislature from lending the credit of the State or granting public money to, or assuming any indebtedness of, any one authorized to construct, maintain, or operate toll roads or turnpikes in this State;" and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the Legislature from lending the credit of the State or granting public money to, or assuming any indebtedness of, any one authorized to construct, maintain, or operate toll roads or turnpikes in this State."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment; and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Passed the Senate, May 5, 1953: Yeas 25, Nays 0; adopted by the House, May 19, 1953: Yeas 116, Nays 17.

Approved May 27, 1953.